

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Request for Reconsideration, the claims 2-12, 14-18 and 20-28 are pending in the application, of which claims 3-5 are independent. Claims 4 and 5 have been allowed, which applicant gratefully acknowledges. No claims are amended or added herein.

Initially, the applicant's representatives thank the Examiners Tan Trinh and Nay Maung for the courtesy extended and for their helpful remarks during telephone discussions held on 23 February 2006. During the interviews, the rejected independent claim 3 and dependent claims 2, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 (all dependent from claim 3) were discussed in view of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. In particular, the applicant's representatives requested clarification of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

The Examiner Maung clarified that the claim 3 is fully supported by the original disclosure because the claim contains subject matter which is described in the specification, particularly the claim element that "each said mobile repeater station is operable with any of said portable communication terminals" is described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art at the time of application was filed. The Examiner Maung further clarified that in the claim element, "each said mobile repeater station is operable with any of said portable communication terminals", of claim 3, a proper antecedent is provided for "portable communications terminals".

The Examiner Maung further clarified that based on the merit of the invention all rejected claims 2, 3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 appear to be allowable.

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed and discussed with the Examiners, as detailed hereinabove. In view thereof, the present Request for Reconsideration is submitted. It is contended that by the present Request for Reconsideration, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and

overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

At item 2 of the Office Action (page 2), the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirements. The Examiner also rejected claims 2, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 (all dependent from claim 3) for the same reason as claim 3.

Applicant's Response:

In light of the above clarifications during interviews with the Examiners, and the present application is being compliant with the requirement of 35 USC 112, first paragraph, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is overcome and that claims 2, 3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 are fully supported by the original disclosure of the present application.

For example, as shown in Fig. 1 and described on page 5, lines 8-17: "The system includes a plurality of communication satellite stations each mounted on each respective one of a plurality of low earth communication satellitesSi , Sj..... Additionally the system includes a plurality of mobile repeater stations M, a plurality of base stations B and a plurality of portable communication terminals P, although only one of each of these components is shown, respectively, in Fig. 1."

Also, as described on page 5, lines 24-27: "The mobile repeater station M is mounted on the mobile such as automobile V and has antenna AT to communicate with both the satellites.... Si, Sj..... above and the portable communication terminals P."

Furthermore, as detailed in page 8, lines 28-29 of the specification, "the portable communication terminal according to the claimed invention may be carried by a subscriber such as a pedestrian or a car driver."

Thus, applicant respectfully submits that the claim element – “each mobile repeater station is operable to any of said portable communication terminals” – of claim 3 is fully supported by the original specification of the present application and is not “new matter”. Applicant also respectfully submits that said element of the claim contains subject matter which is fully described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time of application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicant also respectfully submits that that in said claim element, “each said mobile repeater station is operable with any of said portable communication terminals”, of claim 3, a proper antecedent is provided for the subject matter of “portable communications terminals”.

Further, applicant respectfully submits that claim 3 fully complies with the written description requirement as per 35 USC 112, first paragraph (MPEP Chapter 2100, Section 2181).

For all of the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the claims 2, 3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, first paragraph and therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 2, 3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 under that section.

Allowable subject matter

At item 3 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 4 and 5 are allowed.

Applicant's response:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowability of claims 4 and 5.

Further, applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 6-12, 14-18 and 20-28 are allowable in light of the Examiners' indication during telephonic interviews of 23 February 2006.

CONCLUSION

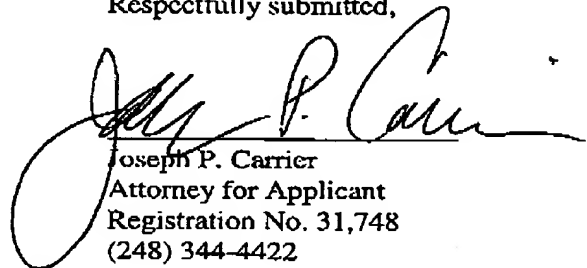
In conclusion, based on all of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action are overcome, and that all of the pending claims 2-12, 14-18 and 20-28 are believed to be allowable. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner is not fully convinced of the allowability of all of the claims now in the application, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve prosecution of the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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